

Network News

November-December 1989

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We welcome nine new members of the Network: Afesa Adams, Sheila Brady, Kathy Chinoy, Joan Farrell, Susan Houck, Marge Lassiat, Davalu Mudd Parrish, Linda Sherrer, and Nancy Snyder. They bring to the Network a rich background of professional accomplishment and community service. We look forward to getting to know them better and to their involvement in the Network in the coming months.

The cancellation of the Retreat was a disappointment for all of us and particularly for those who had worked so hard to bring us an excellent and fun program. We will send out a questionnaire shortly to gain a better idea of your preferences about meetings, programs, and retreats. Perhaps a different time of year or a day-long rather than a weekend retreat would better fit our needs. Please let us know your thoughts about the organization.

We will open the decade of the 1990s with an important meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23. We will be shaping our direction for the coming years as we consider the proposed Long Range Plan, membership procedures, and future programming.

Our December meeting will be at Epping Forest on December 5. I hope to see all of you on this festive occasion. Good wishes for the holidays and the New Year.



QUARTERLY HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5, 1989

TIME: 5:30 p.m. Social Hour; 6:30 p.m. Dinner

WHERE: Epping Forest Yacht Club

PROGRAM: Fellowship and Goodwill. In keeping with the Holiday spirit, please bring a gift of no more than \$10.00 in value for a grab bag.

ENTERTAINMENT: Jacksonville University Dolphinaires

COST: \$35.00

Send your \$35.00 check payable to the JWN, no later than November 28, 1989 to Carol C. Whittaker, 800 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

☐ **YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE DECEMBER QUARTERLY HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING**

NAME _____ TEL. NO. _____

Jacksonville Women's Network

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

- January 23:** Reception and hors d'oeuvres, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., University Club.
Discussion of Long Range Plans.
- February 21:** Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Details TBA.
- March 22:** Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Epping Forest. Reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Program TBA.

CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS, AND APPLAUSE...

To all our new members: **Afesa Adams, Sheila Brady, Kathy Chinoy, Joan Farrell, Susan Houck, Marge Lassiat, Davalu Mudd Parrish, Linda Sherrer, and Nancy Snyder.**

To **Fran Kinne** upon her inauguration as the first Chancellor of Jacksonville University. Fran was recently the guest speaker at the banquet of The Florida Retired Educators Association.

To **Lois Gibson** upon her retirement from FCCJ.

Three of the six Jacksonville Women of Achievement honored by the First Coast Business and Professional Women's Club are JWN's **Eleanor Ashby, Mag Black, and Cecilia Bryant.**

Teala Milton has been appointed to the College of Health Advisory Board at UNF.

Barbara Benisch was nominated for best actress by Folio Weekly for her performance in "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking."

Ruth Frew has been elected to the Executive Committee of the National Board of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Among the new officers of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee for 1990 are **Tillie Fowler and Pam Paul.**

THIS 'N' THAT

Councilwoman **Sandra Darling** joined the medical team of Children's Health Organization Relief and Educational Services, Inc. (CHORES) on the trip to Grenada, West Indies, August 26th. As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, she was part of the health care team and evaluated the country's surgical facilities and equipment. She also used her talents as a photographer to document the activities of CHORES during the week in Granada. CHORES is a nonprofit organization based in Jacksonville and is comprised of pediatricians, pediatric sub-specialties, surgeons, dentists and other pediatric allied health personnel with the common goal of providing their time and expertise to improve children's health care in medically underserved areas around the world.

Blakely Waite is one smart lawyer who knows how to take a vacation and relax. A late September letter from her included the following tid-bits: "Charlie and I have had a marvelous summer at our condo in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. We acquired a second Lhasa Apso to hike with us and 3-year-old Ipso Facto and to be the office "guard dog" and nervous client comforter in the winter. The golden puppy is named Pemi, after the local scenic Pemigewasset River, which means "swift" in the Abenaki Indian language." She went on to say, "We made two trips to Canada, once to Montreal and once to Nova Scotia and were most impressed with the food, safe streets, the scenery, the concern for quality and Canadians in general. To those who may wonder how it is possible to practice estate planning and probate law long distance, the answer is a loyal office staff in Jacksonville Beach, accepting only co-operative clients, emergency backup by JWN attorney friends **Jean Coker and Susan Slagle**, a laptop computer with a modem, and finally learning how to operate the software program, PC Anywhere, to transmit documents and work on the Jacksonville Beach computer from Campton, N.H. I will be returning to the office on a regular basis for the winter on October 30. With the fall foliage just turning glorious and temperature in the brisk 40s today, how could I leave sooner???"

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

This sheet may be “cut and pasted” or attached to your **JWN Yellow Pages** for easy reference.

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KATHY GELLER CHINOY, J.D.

Position: Member, JEA

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JOAN FARRELL, Ph.D.

Position: Dean, College of Health Sciences, UNF

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Position: Group Marketing Manager, Jacksonville Landing

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LINDA SHERRER

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NANCY SNYDER

Position: Elementary Director, Area 3, Duval County Public Schools

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Hope everyone saw the recent Folio Weekly in which **Ginny** "*Just One of the Bunch*" **Myrick** was all dressed up as a California raisin. Wine not!

Delores Pass Kesler was also pictured in the same issue in a feature article revealing the "persona behind the personality." In Delores's case, her Executive ESP was being recognized for her accurate predictions about business staffing needs in Jacksonville.

How exciting to discover while reading Ingrid Bergman's autobiography, that in 1973 she had starred in "The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler," based on the novel by our own **Elaine Konigsburg**!

TRAVELS WITH ...

Ruth Frew spent a week in New York, enjoying the fall, the foliage, and Mother Nature. In September, **Julie DiLorenzo** went to San Diego, Los Angeles and Boston to visit friends and family. **Joan Carver** made an ever so brief visit to Albuquerque, NM, where she rode on the world's longest tram. **Sandra Darling's** and **Blakely Waite's** travels are covered above

NOW HEAR THIS ...

As mentioned in the last issue of The Network News, many JWN members are involved in the kick-off Women's History Month Conference on March 3, 1990. As volunteers working on the first city-wide, kick-off event representing the efforts of many women's organizations throughout the city, we are very much committed to a successful conference. The theme of the conference is **Building Coalitions: Networking The Networks**. The program is not firm yet, but essentially the sessions will be on two tracks: "Professional and Personal" and "Issues." So mark your calendar now and plan on attending the conference on Saturday, March 3, 1990, at Jacksonville University.

Because we want to keep the cost of attendees low enough to encourage maximum participation, we will be coming to many of you entrepreneurs and corporate officers requesting financial contributions. We also request your attendance that day to not only enhance the conference, but also to see for yourself how well your donations are being utilized. Additional details will be included in forthcoming letters soliciting your assistance.

CLEAR VIEW

Needed - A Change in Attitudes

by

Helene Coleman

For over two years the Coalition on the Status of Girls, a small task force of volunteers and service providers for girls, has been researching the inequities in the funding of services in Jacksonville. I sat on a similar task force in the '70s as part of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women. But a decade later, the present coalition has been established to address the same concerns and frustrations of community leaders at the lack of awareness of the critical needs of young girls in our city.

The coalition is composed of representatives of the schools, government, HRS, human service agencies and volunteers who feel strongly that the needs of young women in our community are not fully being met. Certainly many existing programs for girls are excellent, but they tend to be primarily social or treatment oriented and are not the prevention programs that are so desperately needed.

Today little is available to enhance the self-esteem and sense of responsibility of young women over their lives. These assumptions are based on some startling statistics which reveal that a great many teen-age girls in Duval County are at considerable risk. Consider:

- More than half the children born today will grow up in a one-parent household with an average annual income for a single mother of \$9,000.00.

- In 1987 there were an estimated 1,679 pregnancies for girls under the age of 18 in Jacksonville which resulted in 1,146 live births, 21 still births and 512 abortions. Nationwide, 4 of every 10 adolescent females will become pregnant with one-half having the child and one-half getting an abortion.

- Female adolescents account for 56% of status offenses in Jacksonville. (Status offenses are not considered criminal for adults such as truancy, runaway, or ungovernable behavior).

- In 1985 45% more girls (923) were arrested than in 1975 with 76 girls arrested for violent crimes, a 57% increase over the 1975 figure.

- Girls look to boyfriends for validation of their worth. These boyfriends often put girls down or reward them for passive behavior. Many resort to violent behavior in an attempt to control those who are independent or assertive.

The coalition believes that girls in our community have special unmet needs that are resulting in an ever-increasing number of our daughters becoming pregnant, prostitutes, and runaways. These girls grow up to become the welfare mothers, battered women, and substance abusers of tomorrow. Prevention programs are badly needed to break this cycle. All-girl programs are essential in addressing the special needs of these girls. Group sessions, involving girls only, are essential for them to learn to get along with other females and to develop social and leadership skills that will enable them to become self-sufficient, productive adults.

Studies have already shown that in mixed groups boys tend to take the more dominant role and girls automatically defer to them. When you see the budgets of boys' organizations as compared to services to girls, the financial differences are staggering. It seems to me that Jacksonville needs to rearrange its thinking when it comes to funding services so that young women do not continue to come in second best forever.

WORTH QUOTING

Among the 60 biggest companies run by women, 16 are fashion houses, six are media companies, and six are ad agencies. Number one is Estee Lauder, 1988 revenues: \$1.6 billion; number of employees: 10,000. ("Savvy" magazine)

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Cate Coppotelli's new business address is Baywood Center, 9432 Baymeadows Road, Suite 110, 32256, 448-1944.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Julie DiLorenzo

The Women's History Month city-wide kick-off conference sponsored by the First Coast Women's Coalition, is a first for Jacksonville, and it should come as no surprise that the majority of key players are members of the Jacksonville Women's Network. **Martha Barrett, Sandy Beard, Virginia Beverly, Sheila Brady, Joan Carver, Kathy Chinoy, Helene Coleman, Julie DiLorenzo, Carolyn Gentry, Sandy Hansford, Jean Ludlow, Martha McGee, Carol Miner, Joanelle Mulrain, Gertrude Peele, Mary Alice Phelan, and Edna Saffy** have all been working diligently to put together a bang-up conference. What this should tell you is that Jacksonville Women Network members are not content to sit on their personal successes or professional achievements, but are still very much committed to women's issues, that they are still among the city's movers and shakers, and they still give that most precious of commodities, their time. It should also be an indication of what the end result of all their efforts will be - a quality conference worth attending. Hope to see you all there!

Thanks to **Helene Coleman** for her contribution to "Clear View." Remember, I accept unsolicited articles with great appreciation. Articles can be on anything you think would be of interest to the membership: Lessons Learned, Ethical Considerations in Law (Business, Medicine, Public Sector, Academics, Advertising, etc.), Leadership Principles that Work, Perspectives on Positions of Power, (Prestige, Influence), or current issues. Please send to me at [redacted]